



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-420

ISSUED: June 15, 1997

SUBJECT: Special Provisions for Air Contaminants, § 1910.19; Amendment

A. Purpose.

This directive transmits to field personnel the above-referenced amended standard.

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

B. Scope.

This directive applies to all VOSH personnel, and specifically to Occupational Health Compliance and Cooperative Programs personnel.

C. References.

61 FR 56746 (November 4, 1996)
62 FR 1496 (January 10, 1997)

D. Cancellation.

Not Applicable

E. Action.

The Deputy Commissioner, Directors and Managers shall assure that field personnel understand and comply with the provisions of this standard.

F. Effective Date.

July 15, 1997

G. Expiration Date.

Not Applicable.

H. Background.

On November 4, 1996, federal OSHA published the new final rule for Occupational Exposure to 1,3-Butadiene (BD), § 1910.1051, which reduced the permissible exposure limit (PEL) from concentrations up to 1,000 parts 1,3-Butadiene per million parts of air (1,000) as an eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA) to an 8-hour TWA of 1 ppm and a short term exposure limit (STEL) of 5 ppm for 15 minutes. The amendment to Special Provisions for Air Contaminants, § 1910.19, resulted from the promulgation of the BD standard.

On January 10, 1997, federal OSHA published final rules for the Occupational Exposure to Methylene Chloride (MC): General Industry, § 1910.1052, Shipyard Employment, § 1915.1052 and Construction, § 1926.1052. These final rules reduced the existing eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA) permissible exposure limits (PEL), deleted the existing ceiling limit concentration, and reduced the existing short-term exposure limit. The amendment to Special Provisions for Air Contaminants, § 1910.19, resulted from the promulgation of the MC standard.

I. Summary.

In the first amendment, paragraph (l) of the Special Provisions for Air Contaminants, § 1910.19, was amended to reference the new final rule, Occupational Exposure to 1,3-Butadiene, § 1910.1051. Paragraph (l) explains that § 1910.1051 applies to the exposure of every employee to 1,3-Butadiene in construction work, shipyard employment and longshoring and marine terminal.

In the second amendment, paragraph (m) was added to § 1910.19. This new paragraph states that § 1910.1052, Occupational Exposure to Methylene Chloride (MC), applies to the exposure of every employee and place of employment covered by § 1910.16, Longshoring and marine terminals, in lieu of any different standard on exposure to MC which would otherwise be applicable by virtue of that section when it is not present in sealed, intact containers.

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Commissioner

E-Attachments: 61 FR 56746 (November 4, 1996)
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGIS TER&p_id=13585&p_text_version=FALSE

62 FR 1496 (January 10, 1997)

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16 VAC 25-90-1910.19, Special Provisions for Air Contaminants, § 1910.19

When the regulations, as set forth in amendments to the standard for Special Provisions for Air Contaminants, § 1910.19, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms

VOSH Equivalent

29 CFR

VOSH Standard

Assistant Secretary

Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Agency

Department

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July 15, 1997